



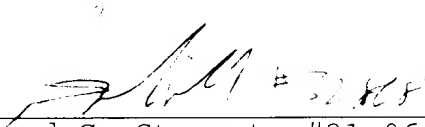
- ☐ Petition for one (1) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$55.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By

  
Raymond C. Stewart, #21,066

RCS/REG/gml  
2577-0106P

P.O. Box 747  
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747  
(703) 205-8000

Attachment

(Rev. 01/22/01)



15  
4/9.01  
PATENT  
2577-0106P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: George N. VALKANAS et al. CONF. NO.: 7933  
SERIAL NO: 09/205,297 GROUP: 1724  
FILED: December 4, 1998 EXAMINER: I. Cintins  
FOR: METHOD AND PRODUCTS TO ABSORB OIL AND ORGANIC  
SOLVENTS FROM WATER AND FROM SEA

### RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 28, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Communication mailed February 26, 2001, the period for response having been extended by one (1) month until April 26, 2001, the following remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

#### Claims Readable on Elected Species

The claims readable on the elected polymeric species (SEBS) are claims 28, 38, 41 and 46.

The claim reading upon the elected chlorinated solvent (dichloroethane) is claim 32.

#### Polymer Species

The elected polymer species (SEBS) constitutes a single polymer species. The phrase "trimeric copolymer styrene,